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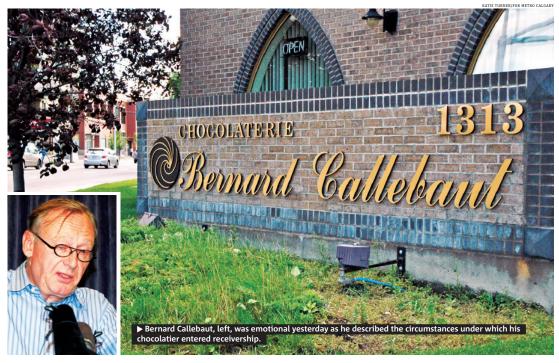
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# 'I'm burying a 27-year-old child'

- Dernard Callebaut says his chocolate stores will remain open despite hardships
- 'I will be back in business, I will be making chocolates again,' he vows





As tears welled in his eyes, master chocolatier Bernard Callebaut announced yesterday that a receiver has been imposed on his nearly 30-year business.

Following some financial stress, Callebaut explained that Deloitte now holds the power over the Chocolaterie Bernard Callebaut.

"It's a funeral," he said, his tearful wife Francesca by his side. "I'm burying a 27-

#### **Background**

- Bernard Callebaut opened his doors in Calgary on March 25, 1983.
- The company operates 30 stores in Canada, and nine in Calgary alone.
- Callebaut said his factory of 110 employees will be reduced to about 60 people for the time being.

year-old child."

Sending several thanks to the people of Calgary, Callebaut said he may be down

but he's not out.

"I'm going to serve you chocolates again in Calgary, in Alberta, in Canada, because that's what I'm born for," he said.

Callebaut explained that he had purchased a \$5-million plot on the Trans-Canada in 2007, where he hoped to have a farm and a chocolate factory. After a slump in sales, Callebaut attempted to sell the land but was unsuccessful.

He said he doesn't know what his role will be in the business as of now, but Callebaut said he will continue to make chocolate.

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## Derailed train spurs evacuation near Airdrie

Cars were carrying toxic ammonia, but officials report no leaks {page 3}

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Rare bird sighting

A Second World War Canadian Lancaster bomber taxis off a runway after landing yesterday in Calgary. The airplane is on a tour of Canada by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and is one of only two still flying in the world.

# Derailment leads to evacuations

Ocanadian Pacific Railway said 30 cars from the 80-car, kilometre-long train left the track in two different spots • There were no injuries, but the rail line between Calgary and Red Deer was closed

Nearly a dozen people were evacuated from a rural area north of a Calgary bedroom community as a precaution after a train carrying anhydrous ammonia derailed yesterday morning.

But police said none of the potentially toxic gas was leaking and an evacuation alert for two subdivisions and a mall on the

northern outskirts of Airdrie was lifted.

Eight cars were carrying ammonia and the others were a combination of flatbed units and grain cars, said Ken Hubbard, Airdrie's assistant fire chief. Five cars were on their side.

Hubbard said hazardous materials teams were on site along with firefighters. Air and weather conditions

were being monitored. CP spokesman M CP spokesman Mike LoVecchio couldn't estimate how long the cleanup would take.

The southbound train derailed shortly after 7 a.m. in the rolling farm and ranch country near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

Anhydrous ammonia is commonly used in nitrogen fertilizer. It is a colourless gas, but when released from tanks in high concen-

"All necessary precautions are being taken."

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trations, it looks like dense

Short exposure to low concentrations will not cause serious damage, but at higher levels it has a pungent odour and will sting and irritate the nose, throat and eves. It can become dangerous if not handled correctly.

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#### **Woman earns Star of Courage** for heroic swim

Casey Peirce was cycling with her family at Spray Lakes, Alta., two years ago when she heard cries from the frigid, storm-tossed waters nearby.

A man and woman were clinging to an overturned canoe in the middle of the mountain lake near Canmore. Peirce jumped in, swam to them and towed the pair and their vessel a kilometre to safety.

For her herculean efforts, the Governor General has awarded the Calgary resident the Star of Courage for an act of "conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril." It's the country's second-highest civilian decoration for bravery.

It is one of 17 bravery awards announced

#### Rideau Hall

Honours Two of the awards announced by Gov. Gen. Michaelle Jean were Stars of Courage, while 15 were Medals of Bravery

Rideau Hall yesterday.

Peirce's fingers were already numb from the cold water by the time she reached the capsized vessel on July 26, 2008.

She then towed the ca-noe, with the couple cling-ing to it, toward the shore nearly a kilometre away. Exhausted, Peirce dragged the victims for 45 minutes until they were close enough for others to pull them from the water.

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#### Greenpeace stunt ends in 8 arrests

Greenpeace activists caused a commotion yesterday morning as protesters rappelled down the Calgary Tower and draped a large poster over the building protesting the oilsands.

The surrounding areas were closed to traffic and all non-staff people in the Calgary Tower were evacuated as the

Calgary police tactical team and Calgary fire highangle rescue



team responded to the incident around 10 a.m.

'The major concern for us is safety and we had to close the roads because of the risk of debris falling. There will be criminal charges laid, which will be determined," Insp. Chris Butler said on scene. Eight people were later arrested.

Nearby construction was halted during the two-hour demonstration, and workers, including Terry Pillipow, were irritated.

"I understand they want to get their point

across but this iust costs taxpayers money, KRISTA SYLVESTER

#### Drumheller | Woman bust worth \$4.8M

Enough marijuana to produce nearly two million joints was seized near Drumheller this weekend Alberta's largest bust this year.

The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team found more than 3,800 plants, valued at \$4.8 million, on a rural property in

10 greenhouses.

Drumheller RCMP were tipped of by a member of the public, according to a release from ALERT.

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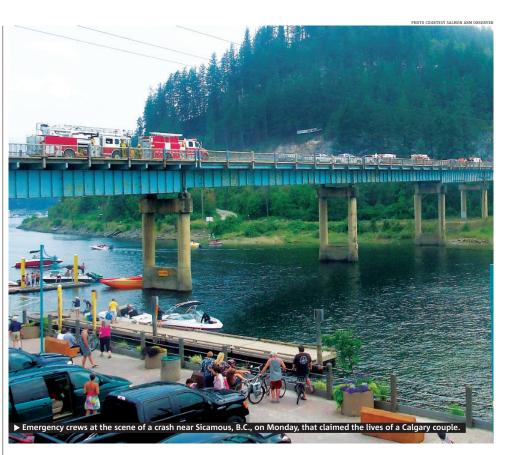
#### wanted on warrants

Assistance from the public is being sought to locate Jori Nicole Davis, 29, who is wanted on several warrants.

She is described as five feet, four inches, 115 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes and has several tattoos including a moon on the back of her neck.

Those with information should contact police at 403-266-1234

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# Teens survive crash that kills parents

Up to 10 killed in collisions every August long weekend: Alberta Transportation Edmonton family was killed near Golden Sunday in a van-motor home crash



Two Calgary teenagers have lost their parents in a deadly highway crash in B.C. this long weekend near Sicamous, according to officials.

RCMP Moskaluk said officials are looking into how the car was being operated before the accident on Monday that killed the 18-year-old male driver's father, who was in the front passenger seat, and mother, who was in the back seat, on the

passenger side. The teen's 14-year-old brother was also in the back seat and is recovering hospital.

The 18-yearold driver sus-tained superficial injuries only.

"It's tragic. We believe that speed and the manner in which the vehicle was being driven is a contributing factor and we have witnesses who were following the vehicle prito the collision,' Moskaluk said.

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RCMP believe the driver of the Calgary-bound Mazda 3 took a corner too wide and struck the side of a bridge and then collided with an oncoming truck.

#### Deadly weekend

RCMP say this August long weekend's death toll of eight is the highest in five years.

- Names withheld Officials have not released the names of the victims yet while they speak to the brothers.
- Violations Alberta RCMP and Sheriffs issued 4,054 violations this past long weekend.

#### Fire, theft under investigation

RCMP are investigating a suspicious house fire and a break and enter which both took place on a rural property west of Strath-

Emergency crews were

called to the fire early Sunday morning and found that several items, including a utility trailer and two motorcycles, had been stolen from two detached garages on the property.

Sgt. Kevin Reilly of the Strathmore RCMP said they couldn't confirm if the two incidents are related

"It could have been an electrical fire for all we know," he said, adding the home was destroyed.

"It's difficult because the homeowners weren't

Reilly said the investigation is ongoing.

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#### **News in brief**



#### Mosque wins key decision

NEW YORK. A New York City commission yesterday denied landmark status to a building near the World Trade Center site, freeing a group to convert the property into an Islamic community centre and mosque that has drawn national opposition.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission voted 9-0, saying the 152-year-old building blocks from the site of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks wasn't special or distinctive enough to meet criteria to qualify as a landmark. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### 'Amateurish' attack leads to Taliban deaths

AFCHANISTAN. A brazen daylight attack on Kandahar Airfield resulted in the deaths of between eight and 10 Taliban fighters yesterday and military officials called the attempt amateurish and desperate.

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#### More prisons for less crime?

CRIME. Treasury Board president Stockwell Day says statistics showing crime in Canada is declining may not be accurate.

Day says the crime rate per 1,000 people has dropped, but adds that more people are not reporting crimes.

reporting crimes.
Day says this is why
the government plans to
hike spending for new
prisons.

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# Tories may scrap long form census entirely

Day says he's confident the voluntary questionnaire will be reliable
 But most statisticians dispute that, since the survey isn't random

The Conservative government says it won't compromise and keep the long-form census mandatory and may actually consider scrapping it altogether.

Treasury Board President Stockwell Day says some European countries have found other ways of collecting data which Statistics Canada compiles by compelling co-operation under threat of fine or jail.

"Countries like Norway, Denmark, have dispensed

Pakistan. Rules of engagement

with this type of information-gathering years ago," he added.

The government has been inundated with complaints and criticism on the issue after announcing in June that it would scrap the mandatory, 40-page long-form census, which goes to 20 per cent of households and asks questions on employment, transportation and home life, including the number of bedrooms in the family home.

"The mandatory nature of criminalizing Canadians for not wanting to give the more extensive data in the long form is simply not tenable and that's why we are doing away with it."

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Instead, the government said next year's long-form questionnaire will be voluntary and go to 30 per cent of households.

The controversy led to the resignation of Cana-

da's chief statistician, Munir Sheikh, who said a government suggestion that Statistics Canada had approved the change placed him in an untenable position.

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# ▶ A Pakistani man reads a code of conduct reportedly published and distributed by the Taliban.

Taliban seeks to win support with new code An updated Taliban code of conduct urges fighters to avoid killing civilians and forbids them from seizing weapons and money, a directive aimed at winning hearts and minds of Afghans also being courted by international forces. But the document declares that people working for international forces or the Afghan government are "supporters of the infidels" and can be killed. The Taliban began distributing the new code in Afghanistan a little over a week ago.

## Canada devotes \$2 million to flood recovery in Pakistan

Canada is sending \$2 million in humanitarian assistance to flood-ravaged Pakistan.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda says the money will help more than 150,000 families severely affected by monsoon floods.

Floodwaters surged into Pakistan's heartland and swallowed dozens of villages yesterday, adding to a week of destruction that has already ravaged the mountainous northwest and killed 1,500 people.

The rush of muddy water over river banks in

Punjab threatened to destroy vast stretches of crops that make the province Pakistan's breadbasket, prompting the UN to warn that an estimated 1.8 million people will need to be fed in the coming weeks.

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3.2M

Fresh rains in northwestern Pakistan threatened to overwhelm a major dam and unleash a new deluge, while workers struggled to deliver aid to some 3.2 million people affected by the floods amid washed-out bridges and roads.



#### Workplace rampage kills 9

from Hartford

Distributors gather.

MANCHESTER, CONN. Officials say a warehouse driver who was asked to resign his job at a beer distributor went on a shooting rampage yesterday morning, leaving nine people dead, including himself.

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#### Mass killings mourned

CHINA. Residents of rural Yuanshi county mourned the deaths of 17 people killed by a drunk driver's homicidal rampage yesterday. The killings occurred Sunday beginning at the killer's workplace, where he killed his employer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Families watch 6 teens drown

SHREVEPORT, L.A. Six teenagers wading in the shallows of a Louisiana river drowned in front of their horrified families after falling into deep water. None of the teens or nearby adults could swim. The deaths happened Monday in the Red River, in a popular recreational area where sand bars give way to six-metre depths.

#### **Protesters** plead for shrine

WARSAW. Protesters scuffled with police yesterday but managed to prevent Polish officials from moving a cross erected outside the presidential palace in memory of the late president Lech Kaczynski.

# Army tracks Afghans using biometric device

#### • Enrolment voluntary for Afghans unless they are suspicious

Iris scans, fingerprints and facial recognition software — the battle against the Taliban has gone decidedly high tech in the traditionally lowtech nation of Afghanistan.

"Certainly the changes the last few years in terms of what's being employed over here in the counterinsurgency fight is pretty amazing." said Lt.-Col. Shane Gifford, assistant chief of staff for Task Force Kandahar.

"Five years ago it would have been Buck Rogers stuff," he said, referring to the TV and comic-book character.

Biometric technology is being used at the ring of security checkpoints being set up around Kandahar city. Canadian operating bases on the outskirts are also being equipped with it.

It is the HIIDE Series 4, or Handheld Interagency Identity Detection Equipment. The technology has been around for some time but it is a new tool in the battle against the Taliban, or anyone who sets roadside bombs.

The scanning process takes about six minutes and includes the person's name, address and photo.

The information is instantly transferred to the database of ISAF, NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

"What we do is we update our guys once a week when there's more and more data," said Warrant Officer Sylvain Ledoux as he demonstrated the procedure for reporters.

"So there's around



25,000 people in there on the watch list. If there is any match on a bad guy, we'll find out ... When you get an iris match, you do have a match." he said.

Ledoux said there are

some villages where the people want to join and, in effect, get something like a national identity card that would help clear them of suspicion.

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### Will Rim's new Torch catch fire?

♠ Enough to challenge iPhone 4? RIM faces security questions



Research In Motion officially unveiled its latest smartphone yesterday, a new touchscreen model with a slide-out keyboard de-signed to challenge Apple's iPhone, but analysts questioned whether the Torch is innovative enough to woo consumers.

The new BlackBerry will be released in the United States next week for \$199 on a two-year contract, while Bell, Rogers and Telus all say they plan to offer it in Canada, with

#### "When BlackBerry came out you thought it was magic ... but Apple has raised the bar on the magic quotient." IAN LEE, MBA DIRECTOR, CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Rogers saying a release will take place "in the coming

weeks." The phone is packed th consumer-friendly with features, including built-in links to social networks like Facebook, Twitter and MySpace, and has a slide-out QWERTY keyboard.

Also yesterday, Saudi Arabia announced it is ordering its mobile operators to halt BlackBerry services throughout the kingdom this week, heightening tensions between RIM and governments demanding greater access to data sent on the phones. The neighbouring United Arab Emirates announced a similar ban just days ago.

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#### Escalade is thief magnet

The blinged-out Cadillac Escalade SUV, a favourite of rappers and A-listers like Tiger Woods, is also the vehicle most targeted by thieves, according to an insurance industry group.

#### Recovery slowed during spring

U.S. consumers did not boost their spending in June and their incomes failed to increase, further evidence that the economic recovery slowed in the spring. And Americans saved at the highest rate in nearly a vear.

Personal spending was unchanged in June, the Commerce Department reported vesterday. It was the third straight month of lacklustre consumer demand. Incomes were also flat, the weakest showing in nine months.

Consumer spending is closely monitored because it accounts for 70

Percentage of 2.4 growth in the U.S. economy for the second quarter of 2010. Many economists believe growth will dip further.

per cent of total economic activity.

The disappointing report on spending and income was among a raft of data released yesterday that confirmed the economy ended the April-to-June quarter on a weak note.

Factory orders dropped 1.2 per cent in June to a seasonally adjusted \$406.4 billion US, the Commerce Department said. It was the second consecutive decline after nine straight months of gains. Lower demand for steel, construction machinery and aircraft dragged down the figure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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#### LEARNING A LESSON FROM NOAH

On the chance the Gulf of Mexico oil spill threatens some sea creatures with extinction, naturalist Jack Rudloe hopes his laboratory can save them.

Rudloe has launched Operation Noah's Ark, using his four-acre facility an hour south of Tallahassee, Fla., to preserve more than 350 different specimens - everything from sharks to starfish, shrimp and batfish — in an environment that includes a grassland and duplicates high and low tides. And he's not doing it two-by-two. The fiddler crabs, for instance, number around 50,000.

"We have this endless supply of critters and water out there, said Rudloe, 67, whose enchantment with the Gulf and its

inhabitants dates back some 40 years. 'We have to get as many animals in there as we can and then if the conditions permit, be able to put some of them back and get some things started."

Though the bro-ken oil rig has been capped since mid-July and little heavy crude is visible on the Gulf, Rudloe said he's still committed to the project.
"I don't believe

that the oil is gone," Rudloe said. "It's still out there in cold water, little tiny droplets that could come spilling

#### **Helping hands**

Naturalist Jack Rudloe has received some outside help since the spill.

Separator Pennsylvania based Martin Marine shipped a \$25,000 wateroil separator that Rudloe said could save the day, sifting out petrochemicals.

Tanks He will also use roughly 50 large water tanks to store "healthy seawater" to maintain hundreds of other critters. including sea urchins, sea cucumbers, sponges, sea horses and spinybox fish.

case "If everything is dead, the marshes are black, the water is foul ... we still want to keep the

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up here in the place going," Rudloe said. "We wrong conditions would have to have live support of one or two hurrisystems where we can keep things alive." canes.

Rudloe's Dicker-Rudloe estimates the project son Bay laboratory could cost \$1.2 million US. He is about 20 miles can't afford that kind of financial hit, coming at a time when his wife — noted marine biologist Anne Rudloe — is bateasternmost point where oil has been reported on Floritling a serious illness. The nonprofit, licensed facility, which attracts about 18,000 visitors anda's Panhandle. Still, he worries about oil fouling nually, depends on admission his 50 tanks, which fees, memberships and donations. pulled through an A New York native who 800-foot pipeline from the Gulf. He

moved to Florida in his early teens, Rudloe, who is self-taught, has joined with his wife to write books on the Gulf ecosystem along with articles for National Geographic, Sports Illustrated and other publications.

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#### Health and numbers

HALIFAX. On June 26, the federal government announced Canadians would no longer be required to complete Canada's long-form

Doctors Nova Scotia is concerned that the alternative - a voluntary sur-- will not be able to provide the necessary credible data to guide health-care policy and program development in our province.

The information gathered from the long-form census is critical to the development and delivery of health-care programs and services.
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key when meeting the challenges that face our health-care system. IANE BROOKS, PRESIDENT. DOCTORS NOVA SCOTIA

Re: "Forest bathing" aids well-being (Aug. 3)

TORONTO. I wish to thank Metro for printing the article by Celia Milne. These are heritage

trees. Milne brought to our attention the importance of forests and our well-being.

It was perfect timing since the United Nations has declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness, preserve and conserve all types of these forests for generations to come. EDITH GEORGE

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#### **Metro Minute with** the Gunn Band

Get into the Blues Festival spirit with free entertainment from Calgary's Gunn Band. This modern and unique blues band will perform today at noon in Olympic Plaza, and will likely play a few originals mixed in with favourites from Iimi Hendrix, Robben Ford, and Scott Henderson.

"All (that) we do is informed by the blues," said Gunn member Greg Gunhold. "We work from that tradition but take it to new places.'

The band, together for more than a year, has been met with great success.

"We know we're on the right track with all this. People will sit for an entire evening and just listen,' Gunhold said.

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Christopher Nolan's Inception, which stars Marion Cotil-lard, will be released in China, the country's film importer said yesterday, giving a lucrative foreign market to a sci-fi thriller that already has become a global sensation. China Film Group will give the Warner Bros. production one of its coveted 20 annual slots for revenue-sharing imports.

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# Buddy cops team for comedy gold

● Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg breathe new life into genre with The Other Guys ● Films that pair opposing lawmen often reflect real situations



The Other Guys certainly isn't Hollywood's first buddy cop movie. It's not even the first one this year — thanks to February's release of Cop Out

lease of Cop Out.
With The Other Guys however, comic Will Ferrell and Oscar-nominee Mark Wahlberg aim to revitalize the long-standing genre that has flourished since the 1980s with favourites like Beverly Hills Cop, Stakeout and

Lethal Weapon.

Commonly comprised of two opposing lawmen, the buddy cop movie may be a perennial favourite but the real question is, how true to life are these films?

"Certainly I think they sex them up a bit for Hollywood," said Cam Woolley, a retired 30-year Ontario Provincial Police officer and now a television reporter on Toronto's CP24. "(But) most people probably wouldn't believe how much of it is true."

Ethnicity often plays a central factor in many of

these films (48 Hrs, Rush Hour) but they aren't completely reliant on cultural distinctions. More importantly, the main characteristic of all buddy cop films has to do with the interdependence between distinct personalities.

"(In movies), they're usually dissimilar and that's where you have half the fun where you have these two characters that don't fit very well," said Woolley. "And that's true because the police aren't usually picking their partners for a variety of reasons ... but

you ultimately have to depend on each other."

Whether it's such bigticket blockbusters as Bad Boys or a Canadian hit like Bon Cop, Bad Cop, it's that conflicting alliance that creates the perfect contrast for classic comedy.

"When coppers watch these movies, there's lots of little sideways looks and giggles," laughed Woolley, before hinting at an added value perhaps only officers can appreciate. "I always found it amusing that the boss always gets an extra hard ride."

#### buddy cop movies

- 1967 In The Heat of the Night: Although not a comedy, this Norman Jewison drama is largely considered an early pioneer for mismatched coos.
- ▶ 1982 48 Hrs: This Eddie Murphy/Nick Nolte comedy kicks off the decade of the buddy cop, which soon follows with Dragnet, Stakeout, Midnight Run.
- 1987 Lethal Weapon: Lethal Weapon becomes one of the most successful franchises.
- 1988 Alien Nation: This cult favourite marks the first pairing of a cop and an extraterrestrial.
- ▶ 1997 Men in Black: The all-time top-earning version of a buddy-cop comedy (more than \$250 million worldwide).
- 2006 Bon Cop, Bad Cop: Canada finally gets its own buddy-cop movie and becomes one of the nation's highest-grossing films in history.

#### Short mixes it up for The Cat in the Hat

Martin Short says he mixed a bit of insanity, friendliness and childlike frivolity to come up with his vocal take on the high-spirited Cat in the Hat, but don't go looking for tell-tale signs of his other famous personas, such as the manic Ed Grimley or the obtuse Jiminy Glick.

The Hamilton-born actor, who has used his outrageous vocals to create memorable characters such as outrageous wed-

ding planner Franck in the Father of the Bride series, says he wanted to make his latest kooky incarnation as unique as possible, while still staying true to spirit of the Dr. Seuss books.

Short's twist on the beloved children's hero can be heard in the new animated series The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About That, billed as the first TV show based on the literary feline.

"You probably go from a source of energy, a source of animated voice, and you actually try to avoid the other characters because then they say, 'Oh, he's just doing Ed Grimley."

The Treehouse series is drawn from the beginner book collection, The Cat in the Hat's Learning Library, and features a boy and a girl who learn about nature and science with the help of the know-it-all Cat. THE CANADIAN PRESS



"He's got to be friendly and insane and animated and filled with a kind of childlike frivolousness to engage these kids."

#### The end of Twilight

Twilight fans will get their final taste of the vampire series when the second half of the finale hits theatres at the end of 2012

The Twilight Saga:
Breaking Dawn — Part 2,
is scheduled for release
Nov. 16, 2012, Summit Entertainment announced
yesterday. The first half is
coming out Nov. 18, 2011.
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# **Smart**

The Smart Angel is writing a memoir. Gallery Books said yesterday that Charlie's Angel star Kate

look back on her acting career and her personal crises and triumphs, from surviving breast cancer to adopting a

The book, currently untitled, is scheduled for June 2011. Gallery is an imprint of Simon & Schuster.

In the 1970s, Jackson starred with Farrah Fawcett and Jaclyn Smith on the hit TV series Charlie's Angels. THE

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#### **Smith jury** Cheers' selection **Norm heads** to P.E.I. resumes

Jury selection will resume Rumour has it that a few in the Anna Nicole Smith extra kegs of beer are on order for an upcoming prodrug conspiracy case after prospective jurors duction at the Charlottewere eliminated during the town Festival.

The festival has anfirst round of questioning. nounced that George Judge Robert Perry or-Wendt, best known for his dered a new group to report after attorney challenges role as Norm on the TV seexcluded all but a few of the ries Cheers, will headline the cast of Hairspray. first 60 perspective jurors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Will.i.am distraught over Michael Jackson album

Black Eyed Peas frontman says release of new material 'disrespectful'

A new Michael Jackson album is expected by the end of the year, culled from unreleased material in his vaults.

But Jackson collaborator and Black Eyed Peas frontman will.i.am is vehemently opposed to the

don't think that should ever come out. That's bad," he said. "He was a perfectionist and he wouldn't have wanted it that way. How you gonna release Michael Jackson when Michael Jackson ain't here to bless it?"

Will.i.am collaborated with Jackson on the rerelease of Thriller in 2008 with remixed versions of some of the album's classic songs.

He said Jackson was very particular about all aspects of his musical productions, from his vocals



to arrangements to instrumentation.

that? Because he was a "Now that he is not part friend of mine, I just think of the process, what are they doing? Why would that's disrespectful," he said. "What's wrong with

you put a record out like

"So what? You don't disrespect someone when they're gone. ... How much can you suck from his energy? ... Freaking parasites!"

WILL.I.AM, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HIGH DEMAND FOR ANY NEW

what he already contributed to the world?'

The Jackson estate did not respond to a request for comment.

Not much is known about what will be on the album, but Michael's brother Jackie has said he and brother Marlon were working on the record with John McClain, Jackson's former manager and executor of his estate

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# Out of this world gift for Brand

Songstress Perry buys beau a trip to space on Virgin Galactic's maiden voyage for his birthday

Katy Perry is apparently a great gift-giver.

For fiancé Russell Brand's 35th birthday, she purchased him a \$200,000 US ticket on the first Virgin Galactic flight into space, according to E! News. Perry isn't planning on going into orbit herself, though friends think she should.

"She should get the seat right next to him," source says.

No date has been set for Virgin Galactic's maiden voyage. More than 200 people have reportedly signed up for a flight. The endeavour was started by Sir Richard Branson.

Meanwhile, Perry is set to appear on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine in lingerie. In an interview with the magazine, Perry reportedly discusses her strict Christian upbringing. Her parents are both pastors and she grew up singing in their church and listening to gospel music.

Brand, the star of Get Him to the Greek, began dating Perry in September 2009 and proposed to her in December of that year. METRO WORLD NEWS





#### **Lohan ordered** straight to rehab

While Lindsay Lohan was certainly happy she only had to serve 14 days of her

90-day jail sentence, she's reportedly not very happy about not getting to see her family when she got out, according to People magazine.

"Lindsay is very upset that the judge ordered her to go straight to rehab," a source says. "(Lindsay) feels that she deserved to spend a day with her family after she behaved well in jail."

Lohan's mother and sister met up with her at the UCLA Medical Center once

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she'd checked in for her 90-day rehab program. METRO WORLD NEWS

#### **Celebrity tweets**



Cosby [@BillCosby] -Emotional friends have

called about this misinformation. To the people behind the foolishness, I'm not sure you see how upsetting this is. (on reports of his death)



Samantha Ronson (A)samantharonson] One would

think the safest place for a safe key would be inside the safe. That is until you try



nd no one with the last ame of Angel



Russell Brand [@rustyrockets] I'm

doing a pretend wedding in a real church while acting drunk. Forgive me Lord. And Akatyperry.



#### **Barton opts** for London instead of **Hollywood**

Mischa Barton is reportedly ready to ditch Hollywood to follow her new boyfriend to London. according to Heat magazine.

Barton has been dating DJ Ali Love for about a month, but that's reportedly been plenty of time to make up her mind.

"Mischa's found a great new guy. She can't wait to move to London to be with him. It's already in the works," a source says. "Instead of Hollywood gigs, Mischa's focusing on a stage career in the West End. She wants to spend a vear in London and see where things go with both the theatre and Ali."

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#### **Bieber set** for a 3D movie debut

Justin Bieber will be taking his life story to the big screen, according to Deadline.com. The 16year-old pop sensation reportedly signed a deal with Paramount Pictures for a 3D biopic to be released next February.

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#### **Housewives** to perform for charity

Cast members from Bravo's The Real Housewives of New Jersey are going off-Broadway.

Ån announcement yesterday says Teresa Giudice, Ashley Holmes, **Iacqueline** Laurita, Caroline Manzo



and Lauren Manzo will join the cast of My Big Gay Italian Wedding for four performances Sept. 1-4. The comedy is playing at St. Luke's Theatre.

A portion of the proceeds from tickets sales and from tickets sold to a post-show party on Sept. 1 will benefit Mar-

riage Equality New York. which works to raise public awareness for equal marital rights. THE ASSOCIATED

## McCartney a big fan of Glee, wants songs on show

#### Description Show's creator has a Super Bowl tribute episode in the works

Glee co-creator Ryan Murphy thought he was being "punked" when a fan note arrived from Paul McCart-

But Murphy discovered that the pop legend is an admirer of the hit Fox TV show and wants his music to be part of it. McCartney enclosed a mix of some of tunes, Michelle, and asked Murphy to consider using them on the series about high school misfits in a glee

"I was gobsmacked. I grew up with that guy. So, of course, we are going to do something," Murphy told the Television Critics Association's summer meeting Monday.

The former Beatle won't be the only familiar name associated with Glee when it returns next season. Su-

#### Preview

- There will be a spotlight on some of the secondary characters, such as scheming cheerleaders Santana (Naya Rivera) and Brittany (Heather Morris). The tribute episodes will be kept to just two or three and feature fewer songs
- Glee, which melds pop songs, high school hijinks and drama into an upbeat hour, is the leading nominee at the Aug. 29 Emmy Awards with 19 bids, including best comedy series and seven acting nods for its cast and guest stars

san Boyle, the unlikely Britain's Got Talent discovery, is in talks to be part of Christmas episode, Murphy said.

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#### Seacrest unsure of **Idol judges**

American Idol host Ryan Seacrest says it could be weeks before the guessing game over the show's new judges comes to an end.

At auditions for the Fox TV singing contest Tuesday in East Rutherford, N.J., Seacrest said he didn't know how big the revamped panel will turn out to be

#### Michaels to host Miss Universe

Rocker Bret Michaels and TV correspondent Natalie Morales are hosting this year's Miss Universe Pageant.

The Miss Universe Organization announced vesterday that Michaels, and Morales, who reports for NBC's Today, will be presiding when the pageant airs on Aug. 23 on



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# K'naan shining a light on Somalia

Canadian rapper hasn't backed down on keeping political messages in his work • Wavin' Flag has sold more than 300,000 digital downloads

#### African stars

- Conquering the American mainstream is not an impossible feat. Senegaleseborn entertainer Akon. who's had a hand in the careers of Lady Gaga and T-Pain, is proof of that, though his music rarely touches on political or African themes.
- Jason King, an associate professor at New York University's Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music, points out a list of successful acts of past generations, including Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour, Nigerian-born Tony Allen and even rock star Freddie Mercury, who was born on the island of Zanzibar. There's also Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Miriam Makeba, among others.
- "K'naan's visibility in the States is pretty small. But that could change," King said. "I definitely think he has the potential to be one of the biggest emcees in the business because he does represent the next age of hip-hop which in my opinion is globally conscious hip-hop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When rapper K'naan was recording songs peppered with tales about warfare, poverty and despair in his native Somalia, there were people who told him he should consider abandon-ing his socially conscious frame of mind for material that wasn't so sombre.

Most of those people were Somalis, K'naan recalls.

"They didn't want someone's shining talent to be wasted on such a disaster,' K'naan said recently. "They wanted to see themselves out there, and they knew there was rarely a chance that you could do it while carrying the baggage of Somalia. So they would say, 'Put it down and just go and be a star like these other people are."

But K'naan, along with a new generation of Africanborn singers like Nneka and Cornielle, are getting acclaim these days by using their experiences to express political messages, varied life experiences and sounds influenced by their years on the continent.

K'naan, who now lives in Canada, had a global audience recently when he performed a remixed version of his song Wavin' Flag at the kickoff concert for the World Cup. Though ➤ K'naan is leading the forefront of a growing group of African-born musicians who are making a mainstream imp

the original lyrics, a bittersweet homage to his native Somalia, had been changed to talk about a general cele-bration of nationality, he held the Somali flag up high on stage, something he never thought possible.

"It had been buried under a rubble of bad stories for 20 years now. Nobody expects to see the Somali flag in a beautiful moment," he said.

While promoting her critically acclaimed album Concrete Jungle recently in

Chicago, Nneka paused on stage at a dim bar to educate the crowd to problems stemming from the oil in-dustry in Nigeria — "just for your American information," Nneka said jokingly.

Nneka then channelled fellow Nigerian and Afrobeat icon Fela, instructing the predominantwhite crowd 20-somethings to join her in singing the late singer's V.I.P. (Vagabonds in Power). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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# Real-life cops grateful for portrayal on Flashpoint

#### Star Colantoni says show is a hit because of positive officer depiction

In a TV world teeming with police dramas, the slick Canadian cop series Flashpoint consistently manages to stand out, netting high ratings and kudos on both sides of the border.

Last season, the Toronto-shot series — which airs on CBS in the U.S. — averaged 1.8 million viewers on CTV, according to BBM Canada. Season 3, kicking off Friday, looks just as promising after a recent sneak peek landed 1.3 million viewers in Canada.

Series star Enrico Colantoni says he thinks the show is a huge hit, in part, because it delivers a positive portrayal of its police force.

"The biggest compliment I'll get is when a policeman comes up to me and covertly shows me his badge when they're off-duty and says, 'Thank you,' and I get that more often than not because of how we do everything," he said in a recent phone interview.

While many TV police dramas are about the "underbelly of the police force," Colantoni says Flashpoint stands apart because it depicts officers who actually care about the job.

"Law enforcement (officers) are misrepresented so often on TV," he said.

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Colantoni should know. His older brother was a cop for 30 years and even once threw him behind bars, albeit very briefly, as a joke. "He sort of did it on a

"He sort of did it on a whim but it was enough,"

said Colantoni. "He left me in there for a few seconds. I got the idea."

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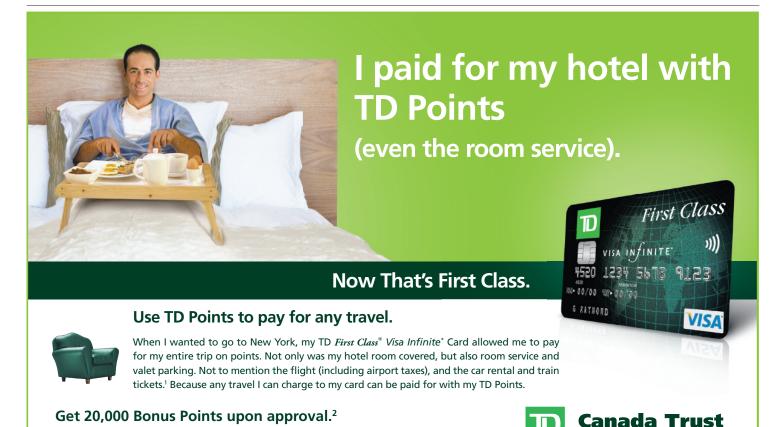
#### Colantoni cred

Flashpoint star Enrico Colantoni's resume includes loads of hit series.

- He played a womanizing photographer on the David Spade sitcom Just Shoot Me and co-starred as the supportive dad in the lauded series Veronica Mars
- Colantoni doesn't take credit for his success, though, instead pointing to good fortune at the start of his career in New York.
  "I just got out of Yale and I needed to pay my rent and I didn't have any money and in the 11th hour I booked three days on a soap opera that allowed me to get through the month," he recalled.

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#### Top picks

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◆ There is so much happening here 24/7 that it's impossible to get bored



#### "Akwaaba!" Welcome to Ghana …"

Why go now?

Bordering the Gulf of Guinea and wedged between Ivory Coast and Togo, Accra is one of Ghana's hippest cities. The capital's boundless energy is contagious and obvious in all aspects of everyday life. It's loud too — whether it's the women pounding fufu (maize paste) or haggling over the price of fried plantain on the sidewalk. Voodoo belief and influence leaves its mark too and impossible to ignore is the Ghanaians' love of a good party.

#### It's my first time. What should I do there?

Ghana's coastline is some 500 km of unspoiled beach lined with coconut and palm trees and Labadi Pleasure Beach is the most popular one in Accra. Put your feet up and relax on your sun lounger as you get a quick mani-pedi on the spot or join in a game of Frisbee or beach volleyball.

#### I've been before. What should I see this time?

Drinking a pint of Guinness at Ryan's Irish Pub

may seem like the wrong thing to do, but strangely, it's wonderful. Try out a tro-tro, local commercial buses that will zoom you up and down every alleyway of Accra, showing you exciting new places. Spend an afternoon visiting the fishing port James Town and then climbing to the top of the old Lighthouse for some spectacular views over the Atlantic Ocean.

#### Where's the best place for shopping? Loom (117 Kwa

Loom (117 Kwame Nkrumah Ave) is the best place for high-end local arts and crafts. African glass pearls, ebony statuettes and intricate wood-carvings can all be found here. For the most elegant textiles there's no place like Woodin's whose reputation for beauty and quality of print is respected throughout West Africa.

#### What's the nightlife like?

Accra's nightlife is a whirl-wind of song and dance and keeping up with the local pace is tough. Start with a dinner of sushi or crocodile tail at Monsoon. Get yourself into the swing of things at Indigo (near Danquah Circle), a trendy club located within an old embassy building. Near Oxford Street is Lizzie's, ideal for those who want to keep on dancing into the night and like their hip-hop.





# THINGS TO DO



#### LOMÉ

Cross the Togolese border to the port city of Lomé. The Grand Marché is a massive concrete block where thousands of buyers and sellers meet daily to haggle and squabble over anything from meat, pearls, plantains, plastic cups and cigarettes. French is the main western language spoken in the area. Lome also has one of the best restaurant scenes in West Africa. But it's one of the best kept secrets for a reason, so get some help find-



#### **VOODOO DOLLS**

Follow the crowd along Hansen Street making its way to Timber Market. Don't let the unknown put you off. The fetish section is fascinating, from the juju dolls to the furry trinkets, animal skulls and little bottle of powdered potions. Magic.



#### **TURTLE TALES**

Ada Foah on the Volta Estuary is one of the most of important nesting and breeding sites for endangered marine turtles. The beach is also a sanctuary for estuarine birds, making it a true bird-watchers paradise. Hitch up a tent or sleep in one of the thatched roof bungalows at a nearby beach resort.





## Living in balance

Cariló is an eco-village that offers luxury



The welcome sign is almost hidden, as if it was trying to keep the town that lays behind it a secret.

It is not until you drive for a good few minutes on its narrow sand roads and through an immensely rich wood that you see it: perfectly built wooden houses, a patisserie made of local stones, a coffee shop built out of wild tree trunks, the sound of hundreds of birds.

The town is Cariló and located only a few hours drive from Buenos Aires, on Argentina's seaside, and it is one of the South American nation's hidden

Only around 60 families live in the town permanently — even though hundreds more come during the summer months, between November and March. Cariló is usually described as an Eco Village where only 35 per cent of land is urbanized and the number of cars allowed is limited. Nothing but the singing of the birds can be heard in the tiny roads, all named after species of trees, birds and fruits.

But Cariló which means "green sandbank" in a local indigenous language - didn't actually exist until 1978, when a local landlord finished a project that, at the time, was considered impossible.

In 1918 Hector Manuel Guerrero decided to grow a natural wood in a sand-



bank he owned right by the sea. His plan was to build a house surrounded by trees and live away from the stress of modern

Under the motto "above the trees, only the sun and stars," Guerrero spent years planning his venture. By the 1940's the wood was grown, with one million trees and its own

Slowly, people followed Guerrero and built their own homes. Shops came next: a bakery, a market and some cafes — absolute essentials for the coffeeloving Argentineans.

Today, the magic town is seen as an oasis of calm and security, a rare luxury

in a country with high crime rates.

A place with no nightclubs or cinemas and the option to sleep in a room with an uninterrupted sea view, Cariló is a "no-go zone" for party lovers but geared towards families, particularly those with small children.

What was once thought as a hippie town with no luxuries now combines the better of two worlds. An ecological reserve for people to enjoy nature and escape city pollution and a place to pamper in some of the local spa and restaurants that offer the best of the local specialties ganic barbecues, wine and pasta, all in the woods.

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## Light up the sky

#### • An Italian opera is a once in a lifetime experience

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"I don't understand a word of Italian, but I had to be here for the experience," Dr. Ravindran Kanesvaran, a young oncologist from Singapore, confessed in a whisper as we waited in La Scala, Italy's most famous opera house, for the crimson curtain to open on Aida.

Top tickets for the season-opener at La Scala in Milan go for about \$2,400, but the last-minute seats Kanesvaran and I got for a mid-season sold-out performance cost just \$15.

The basic concept of opera — putting dramatic presentations to music — is universal, but the modern version was created at the end of the 16th century for Italian aristocracy. Largely thanks to late tenor and native son Luciano Pavarotti, it has become part of pop culture here.

Teatro alla Scala, the theatre's official full name, was one of three iconic venues I hit last summer. It's the must-do for acoustics and prestige. The other two are notable in part for their settings: Arena di Verona, an almost-intact Roman amphitheatre

in Verona; and Torre del Lago Puccini, where another open-air theatre sits on the bank of a marshy lake in Tuscany. It's next to the place where Giacomo Puccini composed many of his most famous operas.

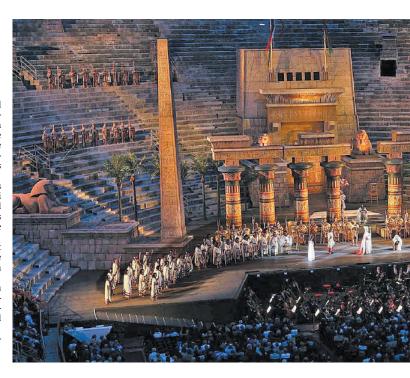
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Some people use the term Bordeaux generically, the way others might ask for a Cabernet, but Bordeaux wines actually come in several distinct varieties, such as sweet white wines and dry white

Bordeaux



How to get there and what to do

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Call ahead Unlike visits to other wine regions most visits to vineyards and wineries should be arranged in advance, and need an appointment

wines, in addition to several different types of red wine. The Bordeaux region has multiple microclimates, fuelled by rivers that wrap around the area in the southwest of France.

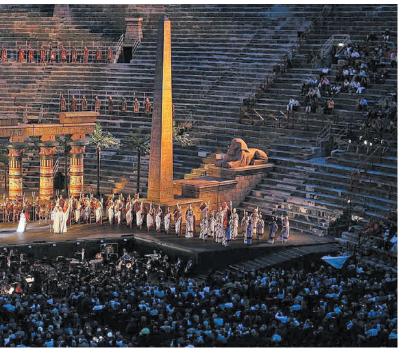
And from these microclimates and variations in terroir (the vineyard soil and other growing conditions), winemakers are coaxing wines that are in the southwest of France.

complex, with one eye on past traditions and one on the future. The diversity of Bordeaux wines can be explored in person, in places like Saint-Emilion, about an hour's drive from the city of Bordeaux. One of the main red wine areas of Bordeaux, Saint-Emilion's wineries employ similar growing, harvesting and winemaking techniques, though its silky red wines are a stark contrast to those of its nearby neighbours.

Once a standoffish community, the region has begun to open its doors more in recent years and average travellers are discovering its beauty.

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- In a small bowl, combine paste ingredients. Rub paste all over roast, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.
- In a small bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to use. Allow roast to stand at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes before grilling.
- Prepare grill for direct and indirect cooking over medium (180 to 230 C/350 to 450 F) heat.
- Brush cooking grates clean. Grill roast over direct medium heat until well marked on both sides, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once or twice. Then move roast over indirect medium heat and cook until it reaches your desired doneness, 15 to 20 minutes for medium rare, turning every 5 minutes or so. Keep lid closed as much as possible during grilling. Remove from grill and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Cut roast across grain into 5-mm (1/4-inch) slices.

- Brush bread with butter and grill over direct medium heat until lightly toasted, about 1 minute, turning once.
- Spread about 5 ml (1 tsp) of the sauce on 4 slices of the bread, place a layer of meat on top and then some watercress. Top with remaining bread.

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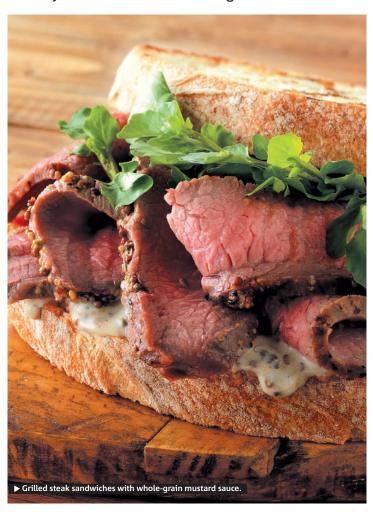
#### **Ingredients:**

#### **Beef Steak Sandwiches**

- 1 tri-tip rump roast, about 750 g (1 1/2 lb) and 4 cm (1 1/2 inches) thick, fat and silver skin removed
- 8 slices sourdough bread. each 1 cm (1/2 inch) thick • 30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 bunch watercress

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) whole-grain mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped
- fresh rosemary leaves • 15 ml (1 tbsp) kosher salt
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) whole-grain mustard
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# Be savvy in your exit interview

Parting ways? It won't be easy if Human Resources has its way

These days, getting and quitting a job involves a roughly identical amount of corporate passage rites from legalistic forms to fill out to statements to sign. But perhaps no ritual as arcane as the final threshold: The exit interview. You, an HR rep and a voice recorder, reminiscing on the employee handbookprescribed lives you shared.

A sacred fact-finding mission for some man-

#### No good news

Even happy feedback could have an unhappy blowback. "Let's say you say something positive," Corcodilos says. "Later, you realize they discriminated against you, and you want to sue. HR trots out your notes from your exit interview and it says. 'I had a great time here, the company treated me very well.' There goes your lawsuit."

agers, but a perfunctory formality for others, exit interviews are - for Askthor Nick Corcodilos — "the cockroaches of the HR

"They just survive," he says, "I really think companies do them out of sheer

"If a company wants to find out what employees think, why don't you ask them while they're still working there?" he asks. "Why wait until they're leaving?"

Navigating an exit interview, like any goodbye, is a theatrical art — and while many a worker may relish the chance to discharge a few parting shots, career coach Hallie Crawford recommends bidding adieu with diplomatic understate-

"Try to not single out any one person unless you are pressed to do so," she advises. "Keep things professional, not personal." She continues, "Consider what criticism is really worth bringing up.

# What's the right way to resign?



• For many job-hopping careerists, there are few workplace rituals so hard as saying 'so long'



"People dread it," says Surviving Dreaded Conversation author Donna Flagg, who views the quitter's apprehension as a self-centred.

"People come and go, companies move on," she says. "It's not as devastating as the person resigning makes it in their head."

Don't let that resignation guilt lead you to pen an overly personal resignation when you tender your resignation. Flower your twoweek notice with paeans to your corporate overlings and the document could wind up decorating a courtroom counter evidence table — exhibit A — should you ever need to sue the company for unpaid wages or salary discrimination.

"Write a letter with one line," suggests How Can I Change Careers author Nick Corcodilos. "I hereby resign my position with X-Y-Z. That's it. Be friendly, respectful. professional,

#### Melodrama

Feel like the blameless protagonist exiting a play about corporate absurdity? It doesn't matter, Flagg remarks. "Bow out gracefully," she advises. "It's not worth giving them a huge 'F-you' on your way out. We bump into the same people in our career."

upbeat, but do it orally."

Yet don't allow your post-resignation talks to turn into negotiations. Despite what an overbearing boss may plea, two weeks is a sufficient heads-up — "It's the bare minimum," Flagg estimates, "but at the same time, I don't think there's any need to do four or six."

More treacherous is the is the chief of industry who tries to raise your resignation with a counter offer a dicey proposition Corcodilos warns to never entertain "under any circumstances," as the money is likely coming from your raise next

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#### **News in brief**

#### **High Density** Library for uCal

EDUCATION This month, the University of Calgary will open its High Density Library (HDL), which has been modelled on Harvard University's book depository, report UToday. Shelving at the HDL is 30 feet high and books are arranged according to their size instead of call number, allowing six times as many books to be held in the building compared to a traditional library. Special climate conditions in the new library means that printed materials will be cared for in the best possible man-

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#### **UoGuelph aims** to save dogs

**EDUCATION** The University

of Guelph says it will employ more resources in a Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) summer program to reduce the number of young beagles that die during training. This summer, 10 out of 20 dogs have died in a program that allows immigrant vets to obtain their credentials to work in Ontario. The dogs, which are bred specifically for use at OVC, have died as a result of spay and neuter surgeries. UoGuelph's director of communications says additional resources in the future will help keep more dogs alive in order to adopt them out. ACADEMICA.CA

#### **WWII** vet leaves \$1M to UNB

**EDUCATION** Second World War veteran Joseph Flanagan has left a \$1.34 million bequest to the University of New Brunswick to support student scholarships. The

gift will fund the Joseph A. and Kathleen A. Flanagan Memorial Scholarships for students from New Brunswick taking science and engineering programs at the university. Valued at \$5,000 each, seven scholarships have been awarded for the upcoming school year. ACADEMICA.CA

#### **Colleges must** curb booze

**EDUCATION** American colleges are not doing enough to limit student access to alcohol, according to a new study from the University of Minnesota and reported by USA Today. The study's author says a survey of 351 college administrators revealed there was "very little action" on recommendations from a 2002 report from the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's college drinking task force. ACADEMICA.CA

# Offering help a key to success

#### ▶ With a new school year fast approaching, homework will once again become a nightly activity

Making homework a positive and productive experience is something that every parent aims for. According to a recent survey conducted by Ipsos-Reid for Kumon Math and Reading Centres, if parents take the time to teach their child to actively ask for homework support, it can help them improve academic performance and enjoy a more rewarding homework experience.

According to responses from more than 1,200 Canadian parents, more than half of the children who actively engage their parents in homework support perform at an average to above average level at school.

#### **Getting started**

Have your child choose a question that they know how to do. Do the first question, fill in the first blank or read the first paragraph together. Ask if he or she can do the second one alone and reassure that you can help if peeded

Also, children who engage their parents in the homework process enjoy more dynamic support.

Here are some key tips on finding that balance, from Kumon Math and Reading Centres:

#### Know the homework policy:

Ask about the kinds of assignments students are expected to complete, the anticipated length of time it takes to complete assignments, and the expectations for parent involvement.

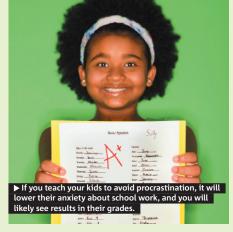
#### Establish a routine:

This means determining a regular time each day in a distraction-free environment with all of the tools and resources at hand, such as pens, pencils, paper, ruler, scissors and a dictionary.

#### Reinforce study habits:

Help your child to structure his or her time before assignments are due. Discuss the steps that are required and map it out with respect to the amount of time it will take to complete the assignment.





# Confidence spells success

A new school year is fast approaching and once again children have a brand new slate. If we take time now, say education professionals, to stir up some excitement for learning, the usual back-to-school anxiety will not only be reduced, it will be replaced with a growing confidence.

Parents can lay the groundwork with these confidence-building tips from Kumon Math and Reading Centres:

• Develop a regular study time every day. Ask your child if he or she works best right after school, just before dinner, or immediately after dinner — and while flexibility is required, do ensure that

the study time is a habit that occurs every day.

- Help your child to manage assignments and tests by spreading the work out. Remember, procrastination feeds anxiety. Encourage your child to be prepared and begin assignments early.
- Take an interest in what your child is learning by asking questions and offering ideas. This gives your child an opportunity to review work and extend learning. Encourage your child to ask for help when needed.
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# No time to sit in class? Distance ed may be the key

Online/distance education is the way to go if you don't have time to sit in a building Flexible schedules, freedom in learning style are big draws



If you want to continue your post-secondary education, but don't have time for the classroom, online/distance learning could be your salvation.

Laurel Smith, virtual programs administrator at Mount Royal University in Calgary, says students with children or jobs are drawn by the flexible schedule.

#### **Hot courses**

- The most popular online courses in Halifax tend to be ones that are basic prerequisites to further offline study, such as math.
- In Toronto, business cours es like accounting and project management rule the online world.
- Ottawa universities have popular online courses in food microbiology and food quality and safety.
- In Calgary, tourism-related courses like event management do well while Edmonton offers many information technology programs.
- In Vancouver, creative classes such as writing are hot.

"They have a lot of freedom in the style of learning and can learn in a way that best suits their needs," she says.

Mount Royal gets students straight out of high school and students returning after decades in the workforce.

Most students take online courses in their own communities, showing location is less important than convenient times.

Derek Taye at Halifax's Dalhousie University says courses are delivered via a "blended learning" model mixing offline with online.

In a 14-week course, there would be three of four concentrated days in an actual classroom in Halifax, Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary or Vancouver.

Online parts include real-time lectures via video, discussion forums and live classes.

Students use live streaming to ask questions other students and professors can hear and respond to, along with IM chat and blog-style discussions.

The key is to make the experience invisible.

"(Students) aren't here to figure out computers, they're here to learn," Taye says.

# Keeping it cutting edge

Derek Taye says while Dalhousie University keeps its online learning at the cutting edge of technology, there needs to be a balance with what professors and students are technically capable of doing.

As "digital natives"

As "digital natives" move through the system, they will push deeper into the online possibilities.

Online classroom programs such as Wimba, Elluminate or WebEx and Flash bring lessons alive, while Adobe e-learning suites focus on demonstrating computer concepts. Professors can use tablet PCs to write out solutions to problems live online with a virtual chalk board.

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Tricia Donovan is director of eCampusAlberta, a con-

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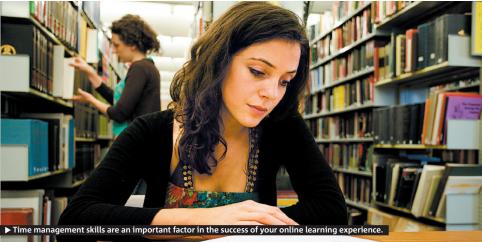
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Test it out: Most reputable online programs will let you try out a class or two to see if you like what you see and then cancel with a full refund if you don't check each school's policies first, though,

sortium of 15 publicly funded colleges and technical institutes in Alberta offering online courses and programs. She says the common idea that online learners have to be more driven and self-sufficient than in-class learners because of the technical requirements is a myth.

"A lot of the literature will say that people who are self-motivated and driven fit best into online learning but our experience is that motivation itself is enough for any educational program. If you can search the web you have all the technical ability required to complete an on-line education," Donovan said

If there is a personality trait that gives you an advantage, it's time management. Dr. Keith Hampson,



director of digital education strategies at Ryerson Univer-G. Raymond Chang School, says the lack of scheduled in-class work periods means online students often need to manage time well.

"Most online courses are set up so that students can have a great deal of control over when they do work, by and large that is a benefit, but it can also be a challenge. In the classroom, a schedule is provided for you online, some students find they need to develop a schedule themselves,' Hampson said.

#### Do you have what it takes?

Online courses involve a lot more idea-sharing than a classroom setting. "The web experience can in many ways be more exploratory than what most people get in class — online courses

have very strong application to the way business actually works today," said Edward Carson, associate director of the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies. @ RAF BRUSILOW



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#### Vancouver

• Surgical Care in International Health (University of British Columbia): A cutting-

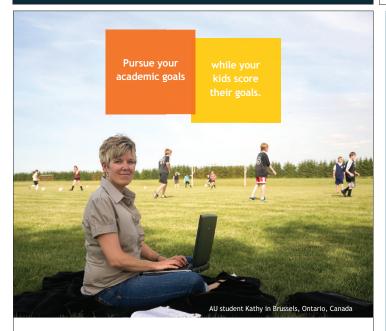
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# End of the road for Brett Favre?

#### **○** Vikings teammates say he told them he's done with football

Even though Brett Favre has told some of his teammates he's calling it a career, the Minnesota Vikings are hoping for one last change of heart from the quarterback who just can't stay retired.

Favre has started to contact teammates and Vikings officials to say he will not return for a 20th season, tight end Visanthe Shiancoe said last

"He told a couple guys on our team he's going to retire," Shiancoe said after practice. "He hasn't told me yet. I'm going to check my phone right now, but it hasn't been said publicly yet so I don't know what to believe '

Earlier yesterday, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that the 40-yearold Favre contacted the Vikings to say he wouldn't return this season because his injured left ankle is not responding as well to surgery and rehabilitation as he had hoped.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcements were made.

Coach Brad Childress said Favre had not told him directly that he plans to retire as of yesterday morning. The coach would not confirm Favre's status with the team, calling it a "fluid situation." and he was unavailable for comment after

#### Familiar story

Brett Favre has a history of changing his mind.

- "I know I can play but I don't think I want to. It's been a great career for me, but it's over." -Favre on March 6, 2008, two days after retiring from the Packers. Plays next season for Jets.
- "It's been a wonderful career, I couldn't ask for anything more ... It's time to leave." - Favre on Feb. 11, 2009, when he announces his second retirement. He later "unretires" to play for the Vikings

the evening practice.

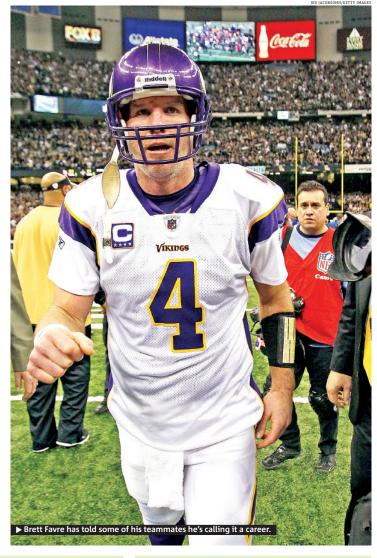
"I'm not a big hearsay person," Childress said. "I gotta hear it from the horse's mouth."

As always with the former MVP, things could change. Favre and his agent, Bus Cook, did not return messages from The As-

sociated Press.
"I plead the fifth on everything," defensive end Jared Allen said.

"I love Brett and he reserves the right to do what he wants to do. We obviously love him as a teammate. We'd like to have him back. But until it's official, I'll believe it when I see it'

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#### Shaq in talks to join **Celtics for next season**

The Boston Celtics are making progress on a deal that would bring Shaquille O'Neal to the defending Eastern Conference champions, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke with the AP on the condition of anonymity because the deal was not vet final.

Earlier yesterday, the four-time NBA champion said he will be in the league

Shaquille O'Neal won three NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers and another with the Miami Heat.

next season and would rather retire than play internationally. The 38-yearold O'Neal spent last season with the Cleveland Cava-liers. He has all-but ruled out joining LeBron James in Miami or a return to Orlando. The associated press



#### **Sports in brief**

#### Boston, Miami in NBA opener

NBA. The NBA will open its season with a battle of Big Threes, then offer up the new-look Miami Heat against Kobe Bryant and the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers on Christmas Day.

The Heat will debut their all-star trio of Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh at Boston on Oct. 26 against the defending

Eastern Conference champion Celtics, who are led by their veteran group of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Rav Allen.

#### **Deal lets Jolly** avoid trial

NFL. Suspended Green Bay Packers defensive end Johnny Jolly made a deal with prosecutors yesterday to avoid trial on a felony drug charge and have the case against him dismissed if he stays out of trouble for the next vear.

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The Boston Bruins have signed forward Tyler Seguin.

Ryan Howard has gone on the DL after hurting his left ankle.

A botched surgery nearly killed Jacques Demers, the former NHL coach said in an inter-METRO NEWS SERVICES



#### **Stamps** sign old riend

The Calgary Stampeders have boosted their offensive line after signing Dimitri Tsoumpas to a longterm contract extension.

The 24-year-old Edmon ton native rejoins the Stamps after being cut by the NFL's Miami Dolphins

on Thursday. Tsoumpas was a West Division all-star in 2009 after starting all 18 regular-season games for Calgary. He also appeared in the team's two playoff contests.

During his previous two seasons with the club, Dimitri proved to be one of the best young offensive linemen in the CFL," Stampeders coach John Hufnagel said in a release yesterday. "We're happy to have him back and thrilled that he wants to make a long-term commitment to the Stampeders.

Tsoumpas was the team's top rookie in 2008 after starting in all 18 regular-season games as well as the West final and the Grev C11D. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Jays' bats put hurt on Yanks

Toronto gets four home runs, A-Rod has none Romero allows only two hits as he picks up win



Ricky Romero baffled the suddenly slumping New York Yankees for the second time this season, and the free-swinging Toronto Blue Jays belted four more home runs in an 8-2 romp last night.

Alex Rodriguez failed to hit homer No. 600 for the 12th consecutive game, extending the longest stretch before reaching the milestone of the six players to have done it New York's third baseman went 0 for 3



with a strikeout, and is nine for 46 since his last home run July 22.

The Yankees could have used a big hit, too. They have lost three straight for the first time since June 16-19, and are now peering over at Tampa Bay atop the AL East.

Romero (9-7) worked efficiently quickly and against baseball's highestscoring team, allowing just two hits — a two-run homer by Mark Teixeira in the first and an infield single by Marcus Thames in the fifth

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#### Showalter wins debut

Buck Showalter's difficult task of turning around the last-place Baltimore Orioles began with a victory. Luke Scott hit a two-run homer and Josh Bell added a two-run double for his first major league RBIs in a big sixth inning, and the Orioles came back to beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-3 last night.

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# Altima Hybrid sedan best of both worlds

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It's as simple as that and not nearly the complicated process that many might expect if you are not educated in the operation of a gaselectric hybrid vehicle.

Unlike the Toyota Prius and Honda Insight, which are designed from the ground up as hybrids, the Altima Hybrid is a standard four-door Altima sedan, outfitted with a hybrid power train.

Nissan says it set out to make the Altima one of the best performing large frontwheel drive sedans on the market. The hybrid version adds better fuel economy and fewer emissions to produce a more environmentally friendly vehicle. With few changes from the 2009 model, the 2010 Altima Hybrid is really an easy and pleasant vehicle to drive. It has a well-designed, comfortable interior and, for 2010, offers an optional Leather Tech Package (\$4,900) that includes a number of features including leather seats, Bose audio system and rear view monitor.

Also new for this model year is a refreshed front fas-

cia and grille, newly styled 16-inch alloy wheels and standard folding mirrors with integrated turn signals.

The Altima Hybrid power train starts with Nissan's tried and true 2.5-litre four-cylinder gasoline engine. It is combined with an electric motor, producing a hybrid system power rating of 198 hp, and it can travel an estimated 1,300 km between fill-ups.

#### The specs

2010 NISSAN ALTIMA HYBRID

- VEHICLE TYPE Four-door sedan
- ▶ **PRICE** from \$33, 398
- ENGINE 2.5-litre DOHC 16-valve in-line four-cylinder engine (158 hp, 162 lb/ft of torque) combined with a 40 hp electric motor
- FUEL ECONOMY 5.6L/100 km city and 5.9L/100 km highway

# drive

#### Up and down

#### **GPS Jedi**

Owners of TomTom navigation systems can now be guided by the greatest Jedi of them all — Yoda — thanks to a downloadable voice skin.





#### Car arguments

sar arguments According to a new survey, getting lost is the biggest cause of arguments in cars. More than 60 per cent of the people questioned in the survey for British motoring retailer Halfords, said arguments had erupted because of their partner's rubbish navigation.

#### Stuck in middle of nowhere? CAA app can be handy

You're driving on the open road and enjoying the scenery with your family when suddenly, the warning light comes on and your car's temperature gauge skyrockets.

Or, you've just stopped to see a tourist attraction and now the car won't start. Vacationing by car can be a wonderful experience but the best family road trip can quickly take a wrong turn if your vehicle breaks down. And nothing is more unnerving than breaking

down in an unfamiliar area or in the middle of a busy highway far from home.

According to the British Columbia Automobile Association (BCAA), members use CAA/AAA services about 20,000 times per year while travelling outside across North America.

Now, no matter the distance from home, drivers anywhere in Canada and the U.S. using the Canadian Automobile Association's (CAA) newest iPhone application — the CAA Roadside



App which launched recently and is free of charge.

"Having your vehicle break down miles from home is not only inconvenient, it can also leave travellers feeling helpless," says Richard Gaspar, BCAA's

road assist contact centre manager.

"Vacationers are often driving in unfamiliar territory and it can be difficult to figure out exactly where you are. Some street signs are hard to read, or there may be no signs or mile markers at all to indicate where you're located."

To download the new CAA Roadside App, go to: CAA.ca/mobile or visit the iTunes App Store and search for "CAA Roadside."

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#### THE BIMMER AND A FEW MAD MEN

Like a lot of folks, my favourite television series at the moment is Mad Men. I'm not sure I like it because it's such a fascinating portrait of "ad agency" professionals operating in New York city in the early 1960s, or because I simply pine for the days when a man could smoke and drink at the office and had a secretary to type letters and fetch things.

nd now I have another reason to like Mad Men — the advertising.

Last week, we watched the premiere episode of season four, and like the two previous season premieres, it featured a special advertising "vignette" by the series' title sponsor, BMW.

The vignette featured Martin Puris talking casually about the ad he created for the original 5 Series. Purris was the "creative" half of Ammirati Puris (BMW's first U.S. ad agency), and the man who came up with that iconic BMW slogan, "The Ultimate Driving Machine."

After his talk, they ran that historical 5 Series spot, followed by a new spot for the all-new 5 Series

Series.
Brilliant. It told an intriguing part of BMW history, showed how consistent its engineering mission and marketing



message has been through the years, informed viewers about a new model, and did it all in a manner that was totally Mad Men.

The idea to feature Puris in this ad, and in another Mad Men vignette three years ago came from Pat McKenna, manager, marketing communications and consumer events, BMW North America. During our recent telephone conversation, McKenna

told me that viewers have responded well to BMW's "wink" to the Mad Men narrative.

BMW only hauls out custom creative during the season premiers. The custom add for the second season premier actual featured Mad Men footage. "We pulled out 'new' technologies from Mad Men, like the rotary phone, slide projector, and the photocopy machine," said Pat.

"It was our way of taking the discussion to our current modern technologies, like our new diesel engines."

He added that, "BMW is very proud of our sponsorship of Mad Men" and that it gives the automaker the opportunity to both "celebrate our own advertising legacy, and pay a tribute to the craft... This is our homage, to Mad Men and to advertising."

# Tesla Roadster: Rock the electric car

#### DREAM CAR

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My brief fling with Tesla Roadster Sport was the closest I've come to living like a rock star. Everyone pointed, boys took pictures, female types glanced over and an Audi R8 V10 filled the rearview mirror for 10 klicks. The Roadster is the sole serial production "full electric" car you buy in North America. But the driving experience easily trumped the paparazzi experience — and even the green experience.

#### Forged in carbon fibre

EXTERIOR. Body styling and chassis derived from Lotus Elise. French-built carbon fibre body panels shipped to Lotus in England. Panels fitted to a fully aluminum monocoque chassis, built by Lotus to Tesla's specifications. Final assembly in California. On-board charger can be connected to any outlet in the world (adapter cords provided). Charge times based on outlet voltage and amperage.

#### Packed with electronics

INSIDE. No engine under the hood, but fully packed with electronics and radiators and air-con system. Cooling of batteries has priority. System will divert some cool air from cabin if necessary. With no gas engine noises, prevalent sound "at idle" is the gurgling of this cooling system. Bit tricky to place one's butt in the driver's seat. Once there, your legs stick straight out to the pedals. Small steering wheel requires some effort.

\$147, 300

The base price for the Tesla Roadster Sport. The math worked out to \$166,670 with other add-on options on the test vehicle. So, far 30 units have been sold in Canada.

#### In company of lithium ion

CHARGING UP. Directly behind the rear seats you'll find the famous Tesla lithium-ion cell battery pack: 69 cells wired in parallel to create bricks: 99 bricks connected to create sheets; 11 sheets inserted into the pack housing; internally cooled; weighs 990 pounds; stores 56 kWh of electric energy; delivers up to 215kW of electric power; and gives the Tesla a range of 395 kms. Highest "energy density in the industry.

#### Acceleration to infinity

DRIVE EXPERIENCE. The Tesla Sport will jump from zero to 60 mph in 3.7 seconds. But impressive as that sounds, it no way conveys what it feels like to keep the Tesla accelerating in anger toward the horizon. The prevalent sound is gear whine, not unlike a jet taking off. And with no gear changes or the slightest fall off in torque to interrupt the insane rate of thrust, it basically feels like, and sounds like, it would keep accelerating into infinity.

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# Prelude to fun at wheel

Drive satisfaction and reliability go hand-in-hand with model → Reputation behind relatively high prices

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Like so many of its competitors, the Honda Prelude gracefully bowed out of the sports car scene after 2001, having become a casualty of low sales volumes and increasing fuel and insurance costs.

Interestingly, even some years later, the last-generation of Honda's coupe still commands relatively high premiums in the used market as a reliable and relevant sports car.

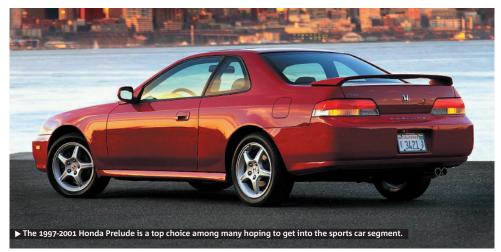
The fifth and last generation of the Prelude hit the scene in 1997, and all models were two-door, four-seat front-drive units with four-cylinder power. Said power came from a 2.2 litre VTEC

#### The specs

- MODEL 1997 to 2001 Honda Prelude
- ➤ VEHICLE TYPE Coupe
  ➤ APPROXIMATE USED
- PRICE RANGE
  engine with 195 or 200
  horsepower, depending on

horsepower, depending on model year. A manual fivespeed transmission was standard, and a four-speed automatic was available optionally, and featured manual-mode shifting. Features included ABS

Features included ABS disc brakes, air, a sunroof, leather seating, and a CD-changer audio system. Exceptional handling and braking were part of the package. Prelude mightn't be Honda's most practical used model — but many an owner say their machines deliver reliable



driving enjoyment, day in and day out.

#### **What Owners Like**

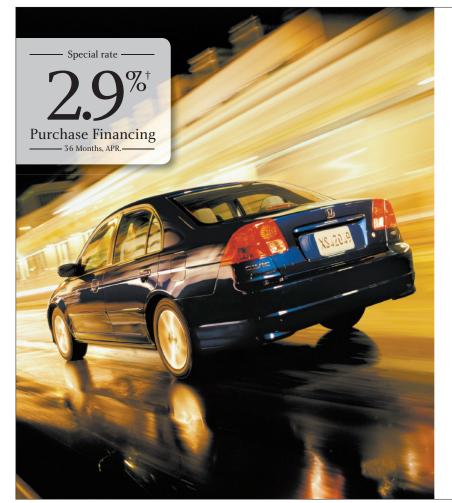
Power, handling and driving dynamics were among the last-generation Prelude's most highly rated attributes according to owners. Reliability and fuel mileage are well-rated, too.

#### **What Owners Hate**

Prelude's most common gripes centre around limited interior and cargo space, squeaks and rattles over time, and a rough ride on some surfaces.

#### **Common issues**

Prelude doesn't seem to suffer from any glaring or systematic problems, though several checks are advised. The Prelude's H22 engine used a timing belt tensioner that could be a source of grief in the event of a malfunction that allows too much slack in the timing belt. This could cause skipped belt teeth and even potentially fatal engine damage.



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# UVO bows to command

 Kia's in-car voice-recognition can understand over 1,600 commands
 System comprehends two voices

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It's becoming easier to talk to your car. Voice-activated controls, which allow you to operate such devices as stereo or navigation system by telling them what to do, are now simpler thanks to features such as Kia's UVO.

UVO, meaning "Your Voice," is based on Microsoft's Windows Embedded Auto software and allows users to give simple, quick voice commands without going through menus or remembering specific wording. It will be introduced in upcoming new Kia models.

"There are over 1,600

#### Multilingual

 In North America, the system will also recognize Spanish, and Canadian French.

commands, and it's a very smart voice recognition system," says Reg Furoy, bilingual training specialist for Kia Canada

"It takes a look at the key words and matches what's closest. It links all the words together and takes a look at the sentence, so if you say 'play track two' or 'play Jukebox album six, track two,' it puts the words together and the software deciphers it."

Voice-activated systems were originally found only on very expensive vehicles. The user first had to train the system to recognize his



or her voice, and had to memorize a specific sequence of commands. Newer systems now obey almost any voice, but still rely on the user knowing exactly what to say. By contrast, "What's playing?" is enough for UVO to access the audio system and determine the song. "If it's not sure (what you're asking), it will ask, 'Is this what you want?' and if you say no, it will come up with the second-best or third-best," Furoy says. "It will start training itself on the main

commands that you use all the time. You won't use 1,600 different commands, but there are ones you'll use every day, and it will put them in priority when it has a choice, and go to those."

The system will also rec-

ognize two voices and set priorities for each one. If you're more likely to command the stereo, but your partner prefers to ask about the navigation system, UVO will go to that set of priority commands when it hears each voice



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#### Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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To my beautiful fiancé Sara. I love you more then anything and can't wait to marry you! Xoxo Love, your future hubby STEPHEN COLE

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#### ➤ Yesterday's answer

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#### A look at the weather

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#### Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 19 If you work with other people today you will achieve something special. If you work against them you won't get anywhere. It's that simple.

¥ Taurus Anril 20-May 21 Your destiny is not set in stone and anyone who tries to tell you that it is should not be considered a friend. Whatever it is you most dream of doing now is the best time to start it.

#### II Gemini May 22-June 21

Time is on your side and if you take vour time vou will achieve everything you set out to achieve, so don't rush things.

Gancer June 22-July 22 YOU may be in the mood to take risks but today's Mars-Jupiter

link warns there is more at stake than you seem to realize.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 You are allowed to have fun you know. You may have to push yourself to go out and do the things you enjoy today but once you start you won't want to stop. This is your time of year, so make the most of it.

MP Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may not be the type who gets carried away easily but something will spark your passion today and soon everyone will know what it is you are so enthusiastic about reaktion där

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M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A quick decision is a must, but will it be the right decision? That remains to be seen, but with Mars opposing luck planet Jupiter even if you get it wrong it will somehow work out for the best in the end.

#### → Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will go on the attack today and, almost certainly, you will win whatever battle it is you are engaged in. Be careful you don't go too far and destroy a friendship.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You want to make a name for yourself and move up in the

world and with Saturn moving through the career area of your chart you will undoubtedly get the chance.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You won't lack for energy today - in fact you may have a bit too much for some people's tastes - but do you have common sense to go with it? If so there is no end to what you can, and will, accomplish.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You will be extraordinarily impulsive today, so much so that some people will think you have lost your mind. Whatever the reason for your precipitate action, and whether or not it succeeds, at least others won't take you for granted again.



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